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Enter amended claims 129, 134, 135, 137, 143, 145, 146, 152 and 153 as follows:

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129. (Twice Amended) A method for assisting a user of a vehicle comprising:
determining whether the vehicle needs a maintenance service;
obtaining data concerning locations of at least first and second service providers
for providing the maintenance service when it is determined that the vehicle needs the
maintenance service;
obtaining data concerning a current location of the vehicle;
determining, of the at least first and second service providers, a closer service
provider to the current location of the vehicle based on the data concerning the current
location of the vehicle and the data concerning the locations of the at least first and
second service providers; and
selecting the closer service provider to provide the maintenance service when the
closer service provider is within a predetermined distance from the current location of the
vehicle.

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134. (Amended) The method of claim 129 wherein the data concerning the
locations of the at least first and second service providers includes GPS data.

135. (Amended) The method of claim 129 wherein the data concerning the current
location of the vehicle includes GPS data.

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137. (Twice Amended) A method for use in a system in a vehicle comprising:
storing data concerning locations of a plurality of service providers;
determining whether the vehicle needs a maintenance service;
retrieving at least part of the data in response to a determination that the vehicle
needs the maintenance service;

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comparing data concerning a current location of the vehicle with the retrieved data to identify one of the plurality of service providers which is closest to the current location of the vehicle and provides the maintenance service; and

selecting the identified service provider to provide the maintenance service when the identified service provider is within a predetermined distance from the current location of the vehicle.

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143. (Amended) The method of claim 137 wherein the retrieved data includes GPS data.

145. (Amended) The method of claim 137 wherein the data concerning the current location of the vehicle includes GPS data.

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146. (Twice Amended) A system for use in a vehicle comprising:
a memory for storing data concerning locations of a plurality of service providers;
a mechanism for determining whether the vehicle needs a maintenance service, at least part of the data being retrieved from the memory in response to a determination that the vehicle needs the maintenance service; and

a processor for comparing data concerning a current location of the vehicle with the retrieved data to identify one of the plurality of service providers which is closest to the current location of the vehicle and provides the maintenance service, the identified service provider being selected to provide the maintenance service when the identified service provider is within a predetermined distance from the current location of the vehicle.

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152. (Amended) The system of claim 146 wherein the retrieved data includes GPS

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153. (Amended) The system of claim 146 wherein the data concerning the current location of the vehicle includes GPS data.
